

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

May 21, 2001
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

DAN CLAWSON, Council President; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER;
RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE
ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER AND DON
PERSSON. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer;
LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MICHELE NEUMANN, Deputy
City Clerk; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DEREK
TODD, Assistant to the CAO; SERGEANT TIMOTHY TROXEL, Police
Department; DAVE CHRISTENSEN, Utility Engineering Supervisor; RON
STRAKA, Utility Engineering Supervisor.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative
report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs
adopted as part of its business plan for 2001 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ On May 15th Olympic Pipeline Company successfully conducted hydrostatic
pressure retests at federal standards (125% maximum operating pressures) in
two sections of the 16-inch pipeline at Renton Station and in the Tiffany Park
neighborhood.
- ✱ The Cedar River Boathouse Grand Opening will be held Thursday, May 31st
at 6:00 p.m. Participants will enjoy refreshments, demonstrations and tours
of the boathouse.
- ✱ The Human Services Division has compiled a 2001 Greater Renton Summer
Activity packet to assist parents and families in locating summer activities
for children ages 3-12. Some teen activities are also included. Limited
copies may be obtained by phoning Human Services at 430-6650.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Bean – St.
Anthony's Church Vacation,
Whitworth Ave S between S 4th
St & Parallel Alley (VAC-00-
003)

Paula Bean, 334 Morris Ave. S., Renton, 98055, expressed concern that Morris
Ave. S. could turn into a major thoroughfare if Whitworth Ave. S. is vacated as
proposed, and pointed out that the vacation would adversely impact the
neighborhood by overburdening the surrounding streets with traffic. Noting that
vacating the street is not the only option available to ensure the children's safety,
she pointed out that there are other ways to slow traffic. Ms. Bean also
expressed concern that the proposed expansion of St. Anthony's Church would
result in a continual parking shortage.

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003)

Joe Bean, 334 Morris Ave. S., Renton, 98055, concurred with his sister Paula
Bean's comments and asked that the City consider the impacts the proposed
vacation will have on surrounding streets and neighbors.

Citizen Comment: Webb –
Correspondence to Elected
Officials

Sanford E. Webb, 430 Mill Ave. S. #3, Renton, 98055, expressed his concerns regarding how correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Council is distributed and responded to. Mr. Webb also submitted a letter to the Mayor and Council in which the same concerns were addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Minutes of May 14,
2001

Approval of Council minutes of May 14, 2001. Council concur.

CAG: 01-072, Highlands Park
Play Area Renovation,
Southworth & Sons

City Clerk reported bid opening on 05/16/2001, for CAG-01-072, Highlands Park Play Area Renovation; ten bids; project estimate \$71,800; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Southworth & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$75,225.86. Council concur.

CAG: 00-067, I-405/NE 44th St
Interchange, Environmental
Assessment, Huckell/Weinman
Associates

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of Amendment #5 to CAG-00-067, contract with Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc., for completion of the Environmental Assessment on the I-405/NE 44th St. interchange as part of the Port Quendall project. The costs will be paid 100% by the developer. Council concur.

EDNSP: 2001 Neighborhood
Grant Program

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted the applications received for this year's Neighborhood Grant Program. Total project budget amount is \$50,000. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Plat: Geneva Court, Talbot Rd
S (PP-00-160)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Geneva Court preliminary plat; 25 single-family lots on 3.63 acres located on the east side of the 5400 block of Talbot Rd. S. (PP-00-160). Council concur.

Utility: Maplewood Golf
Course Cart Path Berm, Gray
& Osborne

Surface Water Utility Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$22,600 with Gray & Osborne, Inc. for the final design of the Maplewood Golf Course Cart Path Berm project. The project will restore flood protection provided by the west bank of the Cedar River, which was destroyed during the 1995 and 1996 flood events, by raising an existing section of the golf course cart path by four feet above the natural ground elevation. Council concur.

Utility: Wells 1, 2 & 3 CT
Pipeline Construction/Liberty
Park, PWTF Loan

Utility Systems Division requested approval to apply for a Public Works Trust Fund loan in the amount of \$814,527, at an interest rate of 1/2%, for the Wells 1, 2 & 3 CT Pipeline Construction project at Liberty Park. The City's project share is \$155,148. Council concur.

Utility: Maplewood Water
Treatment Improvements
Design, PWTF Loan

Utility Systems Division requested approval to apply for a Public Works Trust Fund loan in the amount of \$567,831, at an interest rate of 1/2%, for the Maplewood Water Treatment Improvements Design project. The City's project share is \$108,159. Council concur.

**MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL
APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCIL
CONCUR.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Blaskowsky
– Request for stop sign at
Williams Ave S & S 5th St

Correspondence was read from Barbara Blaskowsky, 528 Williams Ave. S., Renton, 98055, requesting installation of a stop sign on Williams Ave. S. at the corner of S. 5th St. to prevent motorists from speeding on Williams Ave. S. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Planning and Development Committee Vice Chair Briere presented a report

**Planning & Development
Committee**

Development Services: A-
Frame Signs

regarding A-frame signs. The Planning and Development Committee met to evaluate the A-frame sign regulations one year after adoption, and to discuss whether the regulations should remain in effect. The Committee determined that the regulations respond to requests by local businesses for A-frame or sandwich board portable signage, and that the permitting and enforcement associated with the signs does not create a hardship on City staff.

The Committee recommended that the A-frame sign regulations (RMC 4-4-100J) remain in effect, and that RMC Section 4-1-14M3 (Fees) be amended to adopt fees for A-frame sign permits. The recommended fees for A-frame signs are \$100 for the first sign and \$50 per sign for each thereafter. The period of validity for the A-frame signs is recommended to be for 12 months.

The Committee further recommended that the City Attorney prepare the ordinance amending the Code and present it to Council for first reading. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Utility: Sewer Connection by
Property Owners Outside City
Limits, City Code Revision

Utilities Committee Chair Briere presented a report concurring with the staff recommendation that Council approve the proposed modification to City Code Section 4-6-040.C requiring annexation covenants be executed for sewer connection in the City's potential annexation area.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance for this revised code be presented for first reading. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 164 for ordinance.)

Utility: May Creek Basin Plan
Agreement, King County &
Newcastle

Utilities Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding the May Creek Basin Action Plan and Implementation Interlocal Agreement adoption. The Utilities Committee recommended concurrence with staff recommendation that Council adopt the May Creek Basin Action Plan.

The Committee recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the May Creek Basin Action Plan Implementation Interlocal Agreement with King County and the City of Newcastle. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 164 for resolution.)

**Transportation (Aviation)
Committee**

Airport: Restaurant Building
Demolition

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Member Briere presented a report regarding the airport restaurant building demolition and recommended that Council:

1. Permit demolition of the entire restaurant building to proceed, as previously authorized by Council on 2/14/2000.
2. Not accept the two informal proposals for utilization of the ground area on which the restaurant is presently located.
3. Authorize the Airport to transfer sufficient funds from the Airport Fund Reserve, if necessary, to cover the demolition costs established by competitive bidding.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Franchise: Time Warner
Telecom of Washington, Fiber
Optics System

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Member Briere presented a report regarding a franchise agreement with Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC. Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC, is a telecommunications provider and carrier requesting a franchise agreement with City of Renton to install conduit and cable underground using conventional trenching, horizontal boring and directional drilling methods. This is a proposed ten-year franchise agreement between the City of Renton and Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC.

Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC is partially owned by Time Warner. Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC is registered with the Washington Utilities and Trade Commission as a competitive telecommunications company and is authorized to provide non-switched dedicated and private line high capacity fiber optic transmission services.

The Transportation (Aviation) Committee recommended concurrence with staff recommendation to approve the Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC franchise agreement. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the franchise agreement. **MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.** (See page 164 for ordinance.)

Finance Committee

Community Services: Capital
Projects Coordinator
(Downtown Parking Garage),
Temporary Hire

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending authorizing the Administration to hire one limited-term project management employee to manage the design and construction of the Downtown Parking Garage. Due to the nature of the project, it is also recommended that the position of Capital Projects Coordinator be hired at a Grade 25 with a term not to exceed 30 months. Funds in the amount of \$215,000 from the Parking Garage Fund (301) will be used to cover the cost of this position for the duration of the project. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 192819 - 192830 and three wire transfers, totaling \$2,162,230.46; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 31477 - 31729 and 540 direct deposits totaling \$1,032,182.04. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Community Services Committee

Appointment: Municipal Arts
Commission

Community Services Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Mayor's appointment of Loren Perreault-Jones to the Municipal Arts Commission to fill Marie Kurka-Brown's unexpired term expiring on 12/31/2002. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, CONCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Appointment: Board of
Adjustment

Community Services Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Mayor's appointment of Eric Cameron to the Board of Adjustment, Position No. 7 (member of the general public) for a four-year term, which expires on 12/6/2004. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3506

Utility: May Creek Basin Plan Agreement, King County & Newcastle

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with King County and the City of Newcastle for implementation of the May Creek Basin Plan. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/04/2001 for second and final reading:

EDNSP: Right-of-Way Use Code Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Sections 9-2-1 through 9-2-5, and Section 9-2-7 of Chapter 2, Excess Right-Of-Way Use, of Title IX (Public Ways and Property) of City Code by authorizing temporary and permanent use of portions of right-of-way that are below grade or involve air rights. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/04/2001. CARRIED.

Franchise: Time Warner Telecom of Washington, Fiber Optics System

An ordinance was read granting unto Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Corporation, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege, authority and franchise to install fiber optics cable underground together with appurtenances thereto, upon, over, under, along, across the streets, avenues and alleys of the City of Renton for the purpose of installing infrastructure to operate as a broadband digital communication provider and carrier utilizing switching and fiber optic facilities. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/04/2001. CARRIED.

Utility: Sewer Connection by Property Owners Outside City Limits, City Code Revisions

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-6-040.C, of Chapter 6, Street and Utility Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code revising policies by which the City allows connection to its sanitary sewer system by property owners outside of the current city limits. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/04/2001. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #4904

Rezone: Rolling Hills Reservoir, Puget Dr SE, P-1 to R-8 (R-01-008)

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 12.97 acres located at 2401 Puget Dr. SE, near the intersection of Puget Dr. SE and Edmonds Way SE, from the P-1 (Public Use) zone to R-8 (Residential Single Family; eight dwelling units per acre) zone with a P-suffix designation (Rolling Hills Reservoir Rezone; File No. R-01-008). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #4905

Community Services: Capital Projects Coordinator (Fire Station #12 Construction), Temporary Hire

An ordinance was read appropriating monies from the Fire Mitigation Fund balance, increasing the expenditures in the Fire Mitigation Fund, and increasing the 2001 Budget by \$54,000 for the purpose of hiring a limited term employee to manage the design and construction of the new Fire Station #12. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Comment: Roeuith - Assistance Programs for

Councilman Corman requested that the Human Services Division respond to a letter from Hoeuith Roeuith, PO Box 66743, Seattle, 98166, in which Mr. Roeuith expressed concern for the plight of Cambodians and asked for advice on

Cambodians

how he can establish a program to assist the people of Cambodia.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Cross – St. Anthony's Church Vacation, Whitworth Ave S between S 4th St & Parallel Alley (VAC-00-003)

Wade Cross, 322 Morris Ave. S., Renton, 98055, expressed his concern about the potential impact on neighborhood traffic and parking near St. Anthony's Church if Whitworth Ave. S. were to be vacated. In addition, Mr. Cross stated that he believed that the yellow painted on the curbs of Morris Ave. S. and S. 4th St. was originally applied by the church, rather than by the City, and is being interpreted as restricted parking.

Mayor Tanner assured Mr. Cross that the City would investigate whether the restricted parking area was originally determined by the City.

Police: Directional Parking Tickets

Council President Clawson requested an explanation as to why tickets are given for parking in the wrong direction on City streets.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:25 p.m.

MICHELE NEUMANN, Deputy City Clerk

Recorder: Bonnie Walton
May 21, 2001